

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

Claim 12. (currently amended) A snap fastener comprising a plurality of pairs of snap elements capable of engaging with or disengaging from each other in an opposing direction,

wherein one snap element of each of the plurality of pairs of the snap elements has an engaging head provided protrudedly on a respective base plate, while the other snap element of each of the plurality of pairs of the snap elements has an engaging hole portion provided in a respective base plate, wherein each engaging head is capable of being engaged with each engaging hold portion;

wherein ~~an attached body~~ a tape is attached to a base portion of each base plate;

wherein at least one of the snap elements of each of the plurality of pairs of the snap elements has a grip portion while the other snap element of each of the plurality of pairs of the snap elements has a receiving portion capable of making contact with the base portion of the one snap element having a grip portion; and

wherein the base portions of the base plates of each of the plurality of pairs of snap elements are attached on a pair of ~~attached bodies~~ tapes at a predetermined interval in a longitudinal direction of the tapes such that they oppose each other.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein the grip portion provided on any one of the snap elements is formed to protrude outward beyond an end portion or an edge of the base plate of the other snap element.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein one of the snap elements has the base portion protruded from an end of a flat base plate so as to have an L-shaped cross section while the other snap element has a tongue-like receiving portion provided at an end of a flat base plate.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein each of a pair of the snap elements has the grip portion protruded beyond the base portion of a mating base plate at an end of each base plate, while the receiving portion is provided inward of the grip portion.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein the pair of snap elements are molded integrally by injection molding means with thermoplastic resin, respectively.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the snap elements is formed with injection molding means using thermoplastic resin such that the base portions of the base plates are molded and attached on the ~~attached bodies~~ tapes.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the snap elements has an attaching plate provided on the base portion of the base plate, the attaching plate having insertion holes through which the ~~attached~~ body tape is capable of being inserted.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the snap elements has an attaching portion provided on the base portion of the base plate, the attaching portion having an attaching hole with which the ~~attached~~ body tape is sewed.

Claim 20. (Canceled)

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A snap fastener according to claim 12, wherein the pair of ~~attached bodies~~ tapes attached on the base portions of the base plates of the snap elements are disposed such that center lines of the ~~attached bodies~~ tapes are on a same line.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete Figs. 10, 11, and 14-17.

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 12, 13, 18 and 19.

In each of these revised figures, the label has been revised to account for renumbering of the figures after deletion of Figs. 10, 11, and 14-17.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets - Figures 12, 13 and 18, and 19 (4 sheets)